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For: CHARGED PARTICLE BEAM

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ALIGNMENT METHOD AND CHARGED

PARTICLE BEAM APPARATUS

## AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

MS AF Commissioner for Patents p.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated July 20, 2006, finally rejecting claims 24-34, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.